

BIG GUN PRACTICE FOR ARMY CADETS

Graduating Class of West Pointers at Sandy Hook.

DOZEN CONGRESSMEN THERE

Visit to Proving Grounds Made Every Year—Gen. Crozier and Other Officers Witness Tests—Government's Powerful Explosive Shown in Its Destructive Work—Mortars Fired.

New York, May 21.—West Pointers on the eve of graduation came down the river to-day to get a little final instruction in firing big guns. They went to the Sandy Hook proving grounds. There were ninety-nine cadets in the party, under the command of eight officers. Nine more officers came along in an unofficial capacity to watch the experiments.

Maj. Cullen Ruggles, who is stationed at West Point as the instructor in ordnance, was in charge of the party. Col. Scott, the superintendent, was with the unofficial body of officers. The visit to the proving grounds was of the sort that last year men at the Academy always make.

To-day Brig. Gen. William Crozier, chief of ordnance, brought up from Washington a dozen Congressmen so that they could have some of the fun of watching the big guns go off, too. Gen. Crozier's party got to Fort Hancock on the government boat Ordinance a few minutes before the arrival of the men from West Point, and the gunners gave the general a salute.

Greet the Lawmakers.
In a few minutes the cadets arrived from West Point. They all shook hands with Gen. Crozier and the Congressmen and with Col. Harris, the commandant of Fort Hancock, and Col. Birnie. Then they got to work with the big guns. They took the government train a mile and a half up the Hook to the proving grounds. They saw a big 16-inch gun fired five times, and took the velocity of the projectile estimated by the gas pressure in the powder chamber.

The big Gathman gun, the construction of which Congress authorized in 1901, happened to be near at hand, and it was discharged for the benefit of the cadets. Maj. Ruggles says that the gun has not been a success, and that to-day's experiments showed it.

On the way back to the coast batteries the cadets went on making experiments.

Secret Explosive Watched.
First a ground mine made out of two 12-inch shells charged with the government's powerful explosive D, the composition of which has been kept a secret, was fired. It dug a hole in the earth which showed that the stuff can't be played with.

Then all sorts of new guns which Maj. Ruggles says are the best on earth were tried with different kinds of explosives, some high powered and some merely black powder. The cadets had a chance to see how they acted under the varying charges.

A string of mortars was fired from Fort Hancock by an electric spark. There were four of them in the string, but only three went off.

They shot a round or two from two of the 12-inch guns mounted on a disappearing carriage, which makes it look when they send it off like a large and vicious grasshopper on its long legs, and then sinking back into its place again.

The cadets and the Congressmen had luncheon at the Brick House, and all the time they were eating the artillery band played for them.

PREHISTORIC RELICS FOUND.

Evidences in Mexico that Man Lived There in the Stone Age.

Mexico City, May 21.—Jorge Engrand, professor of geology, and his collaborator, Fernando Urbina, who were commissioned to penetrate the woods of Chiapas and conduct prehistoric studies, have just returned, after making discoveries that will revolutionize a number of theories and deductions with reference to the former inhabitants of America. Conclusive evidence was encountered that man inhabited America during the stone age.

The expedition also found the fossilized remains of fauna of the Pliocene and Miocene periods in the Tertiary era. The remarkable finds were made in the State of Chiapas after a hard, rough trip up toward the head of the Usumacinta River along the Guatemalan border.

Many miles from the small hamlet of Concepcion a deposit of prehistoric relics was found that is regarded as the most extensive in the republic. It is also considered the oldest that is known to exist. It covers the bed of a small valley in the lap of the mountains. The relics are all arms, and Engrand declares that the valley was the manufactory of weapons for the entire country in that section. Though this field of the expedition represents the earliest, it by no means is the most interesting of the discoveries made. The fossilized remains of fauna of a remote period were discovered in the State of Chiapas, as were the parts of the skeleton of a mastodon and a nanatee.

New Council Sworn In.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Rockville, Md., May 21.—Mayor William H. Roach, of Glen Echo, last night administered the oath of office to the recently elected members of the town council. The new members were Otto F. James and Robert L. Garrett, who were elected for two-year terms, and John Tremmell, who was elected for the unexpired term of Mr. Roach.

Mayor Roach appointed John H. Darling, John R. Johnston, and Horatio G. Carroll as town assessors for the coming year.

OLDEST INHABITANTS—No. 9.



GEORGE F. MUTH.

George F. Muth was born September 12, 1845, in Martinsburg, W. Va., then a part of the Old Dominion. His father and mother came from Hesse Cassel, Germany. He was educated at private schools in Martinsburg and came to Washington in 1865, entering the employ of George Rynell, Jr., in Seventh street, as a clerk, where he continued for twenty-eight years. In 1893 he became a member of the firm, with Philip E. Smith and Charles Phillips, under the name of George Rynell & Co. In 1896 he succeeded Mr. Rynell in the business and founded with his former partners the firm of George F. Muth & Co., which still continues in business at the old stand, 418 Seventh street.

Mr. Muth has been actively engaged in business since coming to Washington.

KOEPENICK CASE FINDS A PARALLEL

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more gorgeous than those worn by the

The major spent Thursday evening at the Officers' Club, and early this morning he appeared at the quarters of Lieut. Leo A. Dewey, of the Seventeenth Infantry, and asked for shelter, saying that he had missed the last boat to Manhattan. He was housed.

Lieut. Dewey had noticed the major's card, and said to-day that he thought not been at the hotel for five days. They had been eating the artillery band played for them.

The voice on the phone said that they were interested in knowing the whereabouts of Bertie-McGreal, who had registered with them as from Montreal six weeks ago. They said that he had a small room in the hotel and that he had not been at the hotel for five days. They had searched his room and found a machintosh, some soiled underwear, and a small handbag. There were some letters to show that the owner had been interested in peddling a patent umbrella which opened automatically.

Awakened by Detectives.

Before Bertie-McGreal was awake Detectives McCullum and Blades had come over from the hotel to Lieut. Dewey's quarters. The major pleaded an engagement in New York, but the sleuths insisted that a hotel bill of \$52 which he owed had better be paid first. The stranger said that it would be easily settled if they would come with him to his cousin.

A person supposed to be the latter said that he wouldn't give Bertie-McGreal money. Then the latter recalled a bank check, certified, he said, by a clergyman at Niagara Falls. He called up a nurse at Seney Hospital in Brooklyn and asked her if she would take that in exchange for \$100. After much talking the young woman consented. He went to Brooklyn, still with the detectives at his heels, and got the money. After paying his hotel bill, he was ordered to leave the place immediately. According to the British naval register, there is no such person as the commander.

Pleads with Col. Dewey.

Before visiting Governors Island Marjoribanks pleaded with Col. Dewey for advice.

"First of all, I'd attempt to prove, for the sake of the service you are supposed to represent, that you are a bona fide officer," Dewey replied.

"I ordinarily would be justified in discussing a situation of this kind with a subaltern such as you, but I'll wave any compunctions I have in that regard," he said to Dewey. "I'll prove my identity."

"If I am not of sufficient rank for you to discuss this situation with me," Dewey replied, "then you can go to—" for all I care."

Those were the last words anybody on Governors Island had with the major, and as the final conversation was repeated about the post the officers were more puzzled than ever.

E. E. COYLE IS DEAD

Well-known Newspaper Man Passes Away.

STRUCK DOWN IN HIS PRIME

One of the Most Popular Correspondents in the Capital Dies in Baltimore, His Native City, After Battle with Pneumonia—Press Gallery Associates Will Attend Funeral.

Death has again been active in the ranks of the corps of the Capitol press gallery, this time striking down one of its most popular members.

Edward E. Coyle, one of the best-known of the local correspondents, passed away yesterday morning in Baltimore from a complication of diseases, superinduced by pneumonia.

The news came without warning, for "Eddie" Coyle was only thirty-five years old, and was one of the most active and energetic of men. He was struck down in his prime, and few of his associates, when he was compelled to go to the home of relatives in the Monumental City on account of illness, dreamed it would have a fatal termination.

He was popular not only with members of the newspaper fraternity, but with scores of men in official life, with whom he came in daily contact. On behalf of the Congress press gallery, the chairman of the standing committee has appointed a meeting for 3 o'clock this afternoon to take action and name a committee to attend the funeral, which will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. R. H. Martin, 622 East Capitol street. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Was Native of Baltimore.

Mr. Coyle was a native of Baltimore, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Francis Coyle. He was a brother of Wilbur F. Coyle, the city librarian of Baltimore. He was a graduate of the McDonough High School of that city, and was selected to deliver the alumni address at the school's graduating exercises a few years ago.

He entered the newspaper business in Baltimore, serving on the News and the Morning Herald. He was universally considered one of the best newspaper men ever developed in the Monumental City. He had lived in Washington ten years, and in that time had made himself an authority on many national questions. He was one of the best equipped correspondents in the city.

Before coming to the Capital he had been private secretary to the late Gov. Lloyd Lowndes, of Maryland, and to William W. McIntyre, when the latter was a member of Congress from the Fourth Maryland district.

Mr. Coyle represented the Detroit Free Press, the Grand Rapids Herald, and the Pittsburgh Sun in Washington. He was also known as a writer for magazines, and wrote technical articles on many governmental subjects. He possessed the friendship of the late President McKinley, former President Roosevelt, and President Taft. He was a member of the Journalists' Club, of Baltimore, and the National Press Club.

Death Leaves a Gap.

His death leaves a gap in the newspaper life of Washington which it will be difficult to fill. He will be affectionately remembered by all who knew him.

BANKERS HOLD BANQUET.

Henry A. Walker Will Probably Be Elected President To-day.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., May 21.—A brilliant banquet at the Chamberlin Hotel this evening was a feature of the second day's session of the Virginia Bankers' Association. President Stebbins presided as toastmaster, and among the speakers were Hon. John S. Wise, of New York; Hon. A. J. Montague, former governor of Virginia; and Hon. Charles F. Moore, judge of the Superior Court, New York City.

Though the report of the nominating committee has not yet been made public, it is generally expected that Henry A. Walker, cashier of the National Valley Bank, of Staunton, will be chosen president for the coming year.

The indications are that the convention will adjourn until late tomorrow afternoon instead of in the morning, as expected. An important report by the legislative committee upon laws governing State and private banks to be submitted to the legislature for passage will occupy the attention of the body before the election of officers is gone into.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and it will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

BALFOUR URGES UNITY.

Wants Different Parts of Empire Drawn Closer Together.

London, May 21.—Arthur Balfour, the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, in addressing to-day a meeting of the Women's Unionist and Tariff Reform Association, laid stress on the importance of drawing closer the bonds which united the different parts of the British empire. He said:

"I do not think that any one can contemplate the whirl of forces which are slowly shaping themselves in one and another portion of the world without seeing the vital necessity that the empire should draw its different members closer together and make it conscious of our common needs and destinies and common perils."

"I am no pessimist, but I say quite distinctly that in the lifetime of many here we may be face to face with great national difficulties, in which it would be absolutely of vital importance that every faction of this empire should work together with unity toward preserving everything we hold dear in common."

TAFT BACK AT DESK

President Impressed with Reception in South.

HAMPTON TRIP IS ABANDONED

First Business on Return from Virginia Is the Appointment of Judge Elliott as Justice in Philippine Court—Mrs. Taft Improved, but Not Well Enough for Journey.

President Taft returned to Washington at 10:40 o'clock yesterday morning from his trip to Petersburg, Va., and Charlotte, N. C.

His private car Olympia was attached to a Southern Railway regular train, which left Charlotte at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night and got to Washington on schedule time.

The homeward journey was uneventful. To members of his traveling party the President expressed himself as greatly pleased over the cordiality of his reception in North Carolina and Virginia. He said he was convinced that the enthusiasm with which he was received was absolutely genuine.

Some of the President's traveling companions laughed with him on the train yesterday over an incident which occurred Thursday night in Charlotte and which they regarded as a joke on Mr. Taft. At the reception in the North Carolina city a pretty young married woman, upon being presented to Mr. Taft, exclaimed enthusiastically: "Oh, Mr. President, I just love you."

President Embarrassed.

Mr. Taft is usually ready with an apt response to complimentary allusions to himself, but he was a little embarrassed, although he showed his pleasure over the young woman's cordiality.

"Yes, Mr. President," she added, with equal enthusiasm: "I've loved you ever since your speech." Then everybody laughed, including the President.

The President has decided to abandon his trip to Hampton, Va., where he was to deliver an address Sunday to the pupils and faculty of Hampton Institute, colored. This is due to the fact that Mrs. Taft, who was to accompany the President, is not yet feeling able to make such a long journey, and she wishes to be with the President when he goes to Hampton.

Mrs. Taft is much improved. The President does not wish to go away from the White House again until his wife is able to be with him.

President Taft has decided to appoint Judge Charles B. Elliott, of the Minnesota Supreme Court, as a justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, succeeding Judge Willard, recently named as Federal judge in Minnesota in place of Judge Milton D. Purdy. Judge Elliott has a distinguished career as a jurist. He has sat on the bench in the State courts. He is an author of well-known text books and is highly regarded in the legal profession in the Northwest.

Judge Elliott was born in Morgan County, Ohio, in 1861. He was educated at Marietta College, the State University of Iowa, and the University of Minnesota. He practiced law in Minneapolis from 1884 to 1890. He was until 1894 municipal judge in Minneapolis, and was appointed on January 4 of that year to be judge of the district court. On October 1, 1894, he was made associate justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota by Gov. Johnson. He served in that capacity until January 1, 1895.

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STATE INSURANCE NEXT.

Premier Asquith Believes Sick and Infirm Need Consideration.

London, May 21.—In a speech at Sheffield, Prime Minister Asquith fore-shadowed state insurance for sick and infirm workers. He said:

"We shall not have rounded off our scheme of social reform until we have added to old age pensions and unemployment insurance some provision for those who fall by the way before they reach old age through no fault of their own, and whose cases equally call for the intervention of Parliament. That is our alternative to the poor law."

Ban on Bernard Shaw's Play.

London, May 21.—Bernard Shaw's latest play, "The Shewing Up of Blanco Posnet," has come under the censor's ban and is doomed to the same obscurity here as "Mrs. Warren's Profession." The new play was to have been performed at His Majesty's Theater.

WILLIAM C. HERRON DEAD.

Once President of Universal Peace Society of Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, May 21.—William Christie Herron, aged sixty-six years, noted world peace advocate and philanthropist, and a man of great wealth, died at his home here to-day. He was formerly president of the Universal Peace Society of Cincinnati.

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To-morrow—High tide, 10:55 a. m. and 11:32 p. m.; low tide, 5 a. m. and 5:25 p. m.

Condition of the Water.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Harpers Ferry, W. Va., May 21.—Both rivers are clear to-day.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, May 21.—Arrived out: Hamburg, at Gibraltar.
Sailed from foreign ports: Deutschland, from Genoa.

The Washington Herald's Third Grand Prize

A \$1,600 Columbia Victoria Electric, Purchased from the Dupont Garage.

This Car.

The Columbia Victoria Electric is recommended to relieve the tedium of walking. To some people this is very irksome, and even though they may have only a short distance to go to reach the office or other place of business, they would be glad to ride could a street car be had. Transportation facilities, however, are not always such that this may be done. But the little Columbia Victoria Electric will wait for you until you are ready, take you where you want to go, and be ready to bring you home at any time. It can't be beat for handiness. It will go to the contestant receiving the third largest number of votes in this entire contest.

Our Prizes.

There are seventy-seven prizes in all to be given away—Five Grand Prizes and seventy-two District Prizes. The five Grand Prizes are: First Prize, a \$3,500 Midland & Shannon "Home of a Hundred Ideas," located at 24 Bryant street, two squares north of W street; Second Prize, a \$2,500 White Steamer Automobile, purchased from the White Steamer Company; Third Prize, a \$1,000 Columbia Victoria Electric, purchased from the Dupont Garage (out shown here); Fourth Prize, a \$2,145 Building Lot in Chevy Chase, purchased from Thomas J. Fisher & Co.; Fifth Prize, a European Tour, with privilege of selecting a friend. The seventy-two District Prizes will be distributed four to each of the eighteen districts.

IN OFFERING

these seventy-seven prizes to our contestants THE WASHINGTON HERALD points with no little pride to the Five Grand Prizes, the total valuation of which amounts to \$12,645, a monster sum, indeed, to spend for prizes which are to be given away absolutely free. Nor is this all. \$9,155 have been spent in the purchase of District Prizes, these to be given away among the eighteen districts covered by this contest, four to each district. We know that we are doing things on rather a large scale; that's why we are so proud of it. We are proud of THE WASHINGTON HERALD, and we think that nothing is too good for the paper or its readers. If you are not already in the race you are cordially invited to enter your name at once. We'll help you in every way possible to realize your ambition. ADDRESS THE CONTEST DEPARTMENT THE WASHINGTON HERALD.